

# **Media Advisory**

## **Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District**

### **For Immediate Release**

### **Rain Garden Workshop for Residents of the Village of Canal Winchester**

On November 8, 2008, Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District will present information on rain gardens at the Frances Steube Community Center in Canal Winchester. Canal Winchester residents are invited to attend this free workshop to learn about the benefits, design, and installation of rain gardens.

A rain garden is an attractive landscaped area in a low spot. It catches storm water runoff from rooftops, driveways, sidewalks, roads, and other impervious surfaces that would otherwise carry polluted water directly to our creeks and streams. Deep rooted, water and drought tolerant plants are used in rain gardens. They can be installed on residential lots (urban and rural), commercial lots, and community areas.

Rain gardens allow rainwater and snowmelt to seep naturally into the ground. They function to slow and reduce storm water runoff. The deep roots of the plants allow for infiltration of water, providing better percolation than short-rooted turf grass. Pollutants carried with the runoff are collected in the rain garden and filter through the root system and the soil. Benefits of rain gardens include: storm water runoff reduction (minimizing flooding and property damage threats), improvement of stream water quality, low-cost conservation practice, provide wildlife habitat, simple installation, and provide an aesthetically pleasing landscape feature.

Registration is free. Contact Stephanie Suter at 614-486-9613 to register.

**When:** Saturday November 8, 2008 – 9am to 11am

**Where:** Frances Steube Community Center, 22 S. Trine St. Canal Winchester, OH 43110

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